

5. The method of claim 1 wherein a communication appliance used with the first communication service is distinct and independent of the terminal device used with the data communication service.

(Original)

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the first communication service interconnects a plurality of networks designed for voice communication.

(Original)

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the data communication service is accessed through a plurality of networks designed for data communication.

(Original)

8. The method of claim 7 wherein each member of said plurality of networks is selected from the group consisting of television broadcast networks, wireless packet networks, dial-up data networks, and broadband data networks.

(Currently amended)

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the data communication service is a television narrowcast service transmitting signals for display on a television a-over a digital network selected from the group consisting of a plurality of cable networks, satellite television networks, and low power wireless television networks.

(Original)

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said account identifier is automatically provided through the data communication service when the television is tuned to a specific channel

(Original)

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said account identifier is entered manually through said software process acting on behalf of a terminal on the data communication service before said software process communicates with the session manager.

(Original)

12. The user account of claim 1 wherein said user account is identified by at least one account identifier, said account identifier formed by combining components selected from the group containing telephone numbers, email addresses, instant messaging addresses, account logins, geographic addresses, personal identification numbers, spoken utterances, handwriting, and biometric characteristics.

(Currently amended)

13. ~~A~~A system for sharing information on a data communication network based on concurrent connection among a plurality of users communicating with one another on a first communication network, the data communication network distinct from the first communication network, comprising:

- a) a plurality of terminal devices for retrieving multimedia information from a plurality of information sources on said data communication network,
- b) account management means for determining a user account for each of the at least two members of said plurality of users who are communicating with one another on the first communication network, the user account selected from a group consisting of permanent and temporary user accounts,
- c) first means for associating a session identifier with the at least two user accounts, each user account identified by a user account identifier.
- d) terminal software means for establishing a connection on a data communication network between at least one terminal device and a session manager, said connection providing an account identifier, thereby establishing session access for the at least one terminal device,